

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title: Crater Lake Visitor Education Center

2. Organization Name and address:

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3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization): Crater Lake National Park

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

The Crater Lake National Park Trust is a private non-profit organization that works to help protect, promote, and enhance Crater Lake National Park, its unique water purity, and its value for human inspiration and knowledge. We envision a future in which Crater Lake National Park is widely recognized as an Oregon icon and a national treasure; in which the Park serves as a thriving laboratory and classroom; and in which every Oregonian and growing numbers of others feel a deep connection and love for Crater Lake. Our programs include the Classroom at Crater Lake education program that reaches over 2,000 grade school students each year.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

Crater Lake National Park is one of the most awe-inspiring natural sites on the planet, with the deepest lake in the United States, and the purest water in the world. Crater

Lake is also a major economic engine for southern Oregon, contributing \$30-40 million annually to an area hard hit by declines in timber harvest, the loss of federal payments to counties, and uncertainty around the Klamath River.

However, since its creation in 1902 as America's 6th National Park, Crater Lake National Park has never had a proper Visitor Education Center to provide a starting and finishing point to each visitor's journey, and a gateway to help visitors explore the scientific and historical significance of the Park as well as its scenic beauty. This improvement will increase visitor appreciation of the Park while also increasing the Park's contribution to the regional economy.

A recent restructuring and renovation of Park facilities has freed a historic building and location on the rim of Crater Lake for a full-service Visitor Education Center, but it will require an estimated investment of \$6 million. Park entrance fees can provide \$1 million. The Crater Lake National Park Trust completed a feasibility study that concluded it can raise \$2.5 million in private donations, but only if \$2.5 million in federal matching funds are committed first.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years? No

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific – e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Public Lands Highway Program

-or-

Interior Department, Construction Account/Capitol Improvements and Maintenance

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

Crater Lake National Park was created by President Theodore Roosevelt and is the 6th oldest National Park in America; the federal government has a clear responsibility for management and interpretation of this gem. Furthermore, Crater Lake is the deepest lake in America and holds the purest water in the world. Finally, Crater Lake is the only National Park in Oregon and is deeply beloved by Oregonians, who have demonstrated their support by putting Crater Lake on their quarter and on nearly 200,000 of their cars via Crater Lake license plates, and have donated over \$3 million to fund Park enhancements.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who?

Yes, requests are also being submitted to Rep. DeFazio, Rep. Walden and Senators Merkley and Wyden. All members of the Oregon delegation signed a letter expressing support for the project in 2007.

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): \$6 million

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$2.5 million

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

Crater Lake National Park Trust will raise \$2.5 million in donated funds.
An additional \$1 million will be available from Park entrance fees.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project? No

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.
(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

All funds would be used for construction and renovation of the Visitor Education Center.

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

We have not yet sought formal endorsements from other partners.

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?): Yes

Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:
appropriations.blumenauer@mail.house.gov